

## News Release

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## Leesburg to Host Open House Celebrating New Water Treatment Facility

**LEESBURG, FL** – The City of Leesburg will host an open house on Wednesday, Sept. 14 to celebrate full activation of the City's new Water Treatment Facility (WTF) in the Plantation community at 25400 Glen Eagle Drive, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. City Public Works officials will be on hand to conduct tours and answer questions. The public is invited.



New water tank holds 800,000 gallons



New tank's depth gauge



Old tank held 54,000 gallons

With an 800,000 - gallon capacity storage tank, the new, state-of-the art facility replaces an older one that had a 54,000-gallon tank. The new plant easily guards against water pressure fluctuations while supporting a population with increasing demand for water.

The \$3.3 million project includes an advanced liquid sodium hypochlorite chlorination system, and a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system. Sodium hypochlorite is an effective disinfectant that offers the best mix of low cost, ease of use, and safety. The SCADA system allows operators to use real time information to monitor and control the plant. For example, the system can gather information about where and when a pipeline leak occurs and can even determine the severity of the leaks.

Leesburg is a progressive city of more than 21,000 residents in northwest Lake County. The city government serves twice as many people with its electric, gas, water, wastewater and fiber-optic public utilities. Leesburg also is a central hub for commerce, attracting 50,000 people to work each weekday. For more information, visit www.leesburgflorida.gov.